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December Unclaimed Property Auction Kicks Off With Gold!

Items up for grab include diamond rings, gold bracelets and earrings and a gold coin from 1850

On **Monday December 7th, at 12:00pm (CST)**, Wisconsin State Treasurer Dawn Marie Sass will auction more than 20 lots of abandoned property found in safety deposit boxes.

"This auction has a lot of jewelry," said Treasurer Sass. "Some of the items are one-of-a-kind and would make great Christmas presents! There are also a lot of gold items that will be very popular given the price of gold right now."

This month's eBay auction includes: a men's 1.75 carat diamond ring, several diamond engagement rings, class rings from the 1960's, pocket watches and women's wrist watches, hand made jewelry from France, as well as an 1850-O series \$10 gold coin, US Mint proof sets and the always popular Morgan and Peace dollars from the late 1800's and early 1900's.

To see a list of the items, please visit www.statetreasury.wisconsin.gov . Click on the "eBay" logo at the bottom of the home page.

Each year, the Wisconsin State Treasurer's Office receives the contents of safe deposit boxes from banks and other financial institutions that have been abandoned for at least five years. The names of the contents' owners are published in local newspapers and entered into Wisconsin's Unclaimed Property online database. The contents are then stored in the state's vault for two to three years.

If the owners or their heirs do not come forward to claim the contents, the Treasurer's Office holds an auction. The proceeds from the sale are held for the rightful owners or heirs for an indefinite length of time.

The auction starts **Monday, December 7th, at 12:00pm (CST)** on eBay and ends the following **Monday, December 14th**.

To find out if you or a relative might have unclaimed property from a safe deposit box, search Wisconsin's Unclaimed Property database by visiting the State Treasurer's website.

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